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BOYS' AND GIRLS' 4-H CLUB LEADER



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CAMP BROADCAST TO BE FEATURE OF NATIONAL CAMP



PLANS are rapidly being completed to have everything in readiness for the boys and girls and those who will accompany them to the National Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Camp, which is to be held on the grounds of the United States Department of Agriculture, June 19-25, inclusive. Thirty-eight States and the Territory of Hawaii have signified their intention of having representatives at the camp.

The National Broadcasting Company is providing a coast-to-coast network for the camp broadcast which will go on the air from 10 to 11 p.m., Eastern Standard time, June 22. The Central States will get the program from 9 to 10 p.m. The Mountain States, on mountain time, will receive the program from 8 to 9 p.m. The Pacific coast will come into the chain at 7.30 p.m., Pacific time. Club groups on the Pacific slope with radios able to tune in on Mid-West stations may receive the entire program in this way.

We are not telling just what all of the features of the program will be, but just to stimulate your radio appetite, there will be music by the United States Marine Band, addresses by nationally known people from Chicago and New York City, talks by the boy and girl winners of the camp trophy. It will, we can assure you, be a program worthy of the time and attention of club members and all who are interested in club work. Don't forget to listen in June 22, at the time given above, depending upon where you live in these United States.

The stations carrying the broadcast are listed on the next page.

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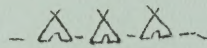
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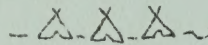
Stations Broadcasting camp program June 22.

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WTIC - Hartford
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WTAG - Worcester
WOSH - Portland, Me.
WFI - Philadelphia
WRC - Washington
WGY - Schenectady
WGR - Buffalo
WCAE - Pittsburgh
WDAF - Kansas City
KPRC - Houston
KSL - Salt Lake City
KFI - Los Angeles
KHQ - Spokane

WIMJ - Milwaukee
KSTP - St. Paul-Minneapolis
WRVA - Richmond
WJAX - Jacksonville
WIOD - Miami Beach
WHAS - Louisville
WMC - Memphis
WSB - Atlanta
WKY - Oklahoma City
KVOO - Tulsa
WFAA - Dallas
WOAI - San Antonio
KGO - Oakland
KGW - Portland, Oreg.
KOMO - Seattle



Conferences at the camp, both junior and senior, will center upon problems of the farm youth.



"The Song of Health," written especially for 4-H club members by Fannie R. Buchanan, with music by Rena H. Parrish, will be sung for the first time at the camp.

MORE DELEGATES

Florida:

Clifford Bayles, Nassau County.
William Platt, Marion County.

Louisiana:

Mildred Buckner, Rapides Parish.
Margaret Laughlin Grace, Vermilion Parish
John C. Jackson, East Baton Rouge Parish
Martin Smith, Rapides Parish.

Maine:

Doris P. Hilton, Somerset County.
Grace Wass, Cumberland County.
Thomas Findlen, Androscoggin County.
Keith Selwood, Washington County.

Maryland:

Dorothea Enfield, Harford County.
Caroline Ebbeling, Caroline County.
Oland Howard, Frederick County.
David Trundle, Montgomery County.

Michigan:

Ruth Gingell, Otsego County.
Ingrid Mattson, Iron County.
David Bergsma, Chippewa County.
John Converse, Calhoun County.

Mississippi:

Jack Hardy Brewer, De Soto County.
Perry James Davis, Kemper County.

New Hampshire:

Amy B. Chamberlain, Belknap County.
Mildred Cochran, Merrimack County.
Everett R. Chase, Belknap County.
Clarence Howe, Hillsborough County.

New Mexico:

Lorene Black, Curry County.
Elizabeth Elser, Dona Ana County.
George Bainum, Curry County.
Clifford Gray, Lea County.

MORE DELEGATES (continued)

North Dakota:

Adeline Rosendahl, Stutsman County.
Alice Stenslie, Nelson County.
Erwin Klusmann, Morton County.
Glen Olson, La Moure County.

Oklahoma:

Boyce Ashford, Bryan County.
Beulah Wonack, McClain County.
Richard Chiles, Osage County.
Velma Milstead, Logan County.

Rhode Island:

Ruth Britton, Providence County.
Sylvia Taskinen, Providence County.

South Carolina:

Carroll Brannon, Spartanburg County.
Wyly Campbell, York County.

Vermont:

Kenneth Fortier, Rutland County.
Ila May Dana, Washington County.
Jennie Brown, Caledonia County.
Ellwyn Miller, Windham County.

Washington:

Ruth Simons, Grays Harbor County.
Verle Kaiser, Spokane County.
Henry Ridgway, Clallam County.
Geneva Hutchinson, Kittitas County.

Louis Edgelle, Sussex County, Del., will take the place at the camp of Claudel Cannon, Sussex County, who will be unable to attend on account of illness.

WITH THE CLUB AGENTS

All county club agents in the State were present at the county club agents' subject-matter conference held at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, this spring.

At the second annual club agents' training school held at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, in April, professional improvement courses were given in leading commodities, singing, how to take extension photographs, effective speaking to public and club groups, health and recreation programs, planning and preparation of extension exhibits, the theory and method of leadership.

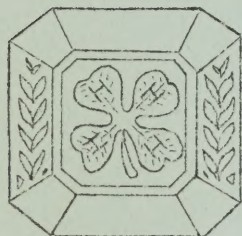
"This is what an agent did in his first year of 4-H club work," says T. T. Martin, Boys' and Girls' club agent, Missouri. And he proceeds to tell about three baby beef clubs organized by T. A. Ewing, county agent in Boone County, Mo., last year, with 40 members enrolled and 40 members finishing. Some of the better calves were taken to the State fair, and 12 prizes were won. A 4-H stock-judging team from the Harg baby beef club, best of the county teams, won first in the State contest. Each club held a local achievement program. The Boone County Bankers' Association offered \$300 in prizes which was distributed at the county-wide show. This money was distributed so that each exhibitor and each club group received a small premium. Most of the calves were entered in the producers' show and sale at St. Louis in November, where they placed second in the county class. About 30 of the members went to St. Louis and had the experience of showing and selling their own calves.

OKLAHOMA DAIRY JUDGING TEAM SAILS
FOR ENGLAND

The Oklahoma dairy judging team stopped off in Washington for two days en route to Quebec, where they sailed on the "Empress of Scotland" May 29, for England. The team is composed of Forrest K. Burns, Garfield County; Holland Williams, Jackson County; and Harold Woodson, Stephens County. The boys are accompanied by B. A. Pratt, State club agent, and J. W. Boehr, extension dairyman with the extension division of the Oklahoma A. and M. College. This team is to represent the United States in an international dairy judging contest which will be held in England June 13. In the previous 7 contests, England has won three times and the United States four times. The Oklahoma boys won the right to make the trip to England when they won first as a team at the National Dairy Show at Memphis, Tenn., last fall. While in Washington, the party visited points of interest and was greeted by the Secretary of Agriculture. The team made the trip to Quebec by automobile, and they are taking the automobile to England with them. After the judging contest, they expect to tour the Continent before returning to the United States.

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FOUR-H CLUB PIN NOW READY
FOR DISTRIBUTION



The contract for the manufacture and distribution of the 4-H club pin has been awarded to The Warren-Kahse Company, Rochester, N. Y., and to the National Committee on Boys' and Girls' Club Work, 58 East Washington Street, Chicago, Ill. The following prices are uniform for both distributors:

	Regular clasp attachment	With patent safety clasp
Bronzed without enamel	\$.08	\$.11
Silver	.20	.24
1/10 gold filled	.22	.27

In quantities over 500 there will be a reduction of 1 cent a pin. The above prices include postage prepaid to purchaser. The agreement with the successful bidders provides that no pins will be sold without the signature of the State club leader on the order.

There is space at the top and bottom of the pin for inserting the year of club work and the name of the State. States desiring pins with the name of the State on the bevel may have them manufactured by either of the above concerns by paying not more than \$5 for the State die or by ordering a sufficient quantity to justify the making of the die without cost to them.

The bronzed pin will be manufactured with the laurel wreath on all four sides for use as an enrollment pin without extra cost.

The design for the pin and the four-leaf clover emblem with the 4-H's on the leaves have been copyrighted and are controlled by the United States Department of Agriculture.

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TRAVELLING CLUB LIBRARIES IN KENTUCKY

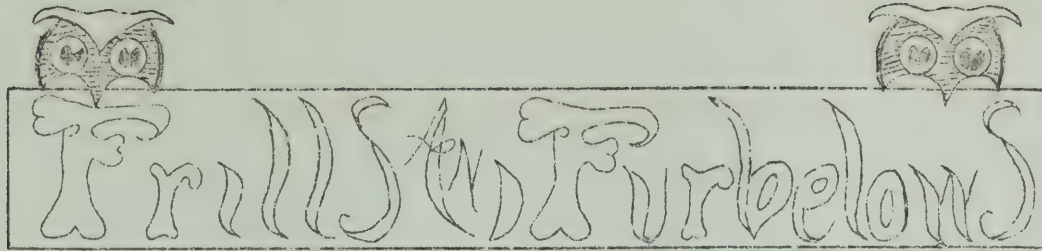
Through the cooperation of the Kentucky Library Commission plans have been completed in that State whereby the Commission will establish a limited number of travelling libraries for the use of junior club members. A 4-H club library as set up by the commission will contain approximately 50 books which have been selected for club members. Any county or home demonstration agent in the State may obtain one of these libraries for the use of club members by making application to the Kentucky Library Commission at Frankfort on application forms which have been furnished to them by the State office. The application specifies that it must be signed by six taxpayers in addition to the agent. The only charge is \$2 to help pay transportation. A library may be kept in a county for 60 days. The libraries are sent out in wooden boxes provided with lock and key. J. W. Whitehouse, State leader, junior club work, says: "A majority of club members are at the reading age and ought to have an opportunity to read good books. We feel that this plan is the first step in the solution of this problem." These libraries are designed especially for club members who do not live in the vicinity of a local library.

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A CLASS FOR PICTURE STORIES OF CLUB PROJECTS

Each year the Orleans County (Vt.) Fair has a class for picture stories with premiums for the best exhibits of a series of six snapshots of the club member at work on his project. The pictures show the progress being made or the steps in the construction of major articles. The series of pictures are mounted on cardboard, in poster form, or attractively arranged in booklet form. Each picture is explained. Flora J. Coutts, county club agent, says: "A series of picture stories like this is one of the finest features of a club member's record book." She also reports that local photographers have been much interested in the photographic work of club members, several of them having offered prizes such as a dozen photographs of the club member, or photographic albums, for outstanding work done in this line.





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Mercer County, N. J., held its first county-wide club entertainment April 19. This entertainment was planned for the purpose of raising the county's contribution towards the fund for taking New Jersey delegates to the National 4-H Club Camp. J. Kathryn Francis, home demonstration agent in the county, says: "Plans for the entertainment were made long before names of the delegates were sent in to the State committee, and it was with a great deal of delight and pleasure that we learned the day before the entertainment that two Mercer County girls were to be two of the four to represent the State of New Jersey. This was given as a special announcement at our entertainment." Feature dances, playlets, a dialogue, supplemented by numbers by the Mercer County 4-H Club Orchestra and the Mercer County 4-H Club Chorus made up the entertainment. The orchestra, which made its debut at the entertainment, is composed of 16 club members, 3 club leaders, and a conductor who is a trained musician. The Club Chorus is made up of 15 girls, 13 boys, and a pianist and assistant pianist who are also club members.

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The first 4-H club rally to be held in Tennessee this spring was the Rhea County rally, at the Court Square, Dayton. It was also the first event of this kind to be held by the Rhea County boys and girls. There were 430 club members and 20 leaders present from all parts of the county. Leaders and members alike donned the 4-H green and white caps and divided into groups to play games. At 10 o'clock a parade through the principal streets began. The rest of the day was taken up with a general program.

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Ramsey County, Minn., clubs recently held a rally. Twenty-five standard clubs were represented at the meeting. The representatives from these clubs organized a 4-H club federation, electing officers and outlining club events on a county-wide basis for the year. The federation also selected the iris as the county 4-H club flower. In 1928 there were 20 standard clubs in this county, 15 of which scored 100 per cent in finishing their projects. The membership of these fifteen 100 per cent clubs totalled 215.

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On April 26, the members of the 4-H clubs of the western part of Gallatin County, Mont., and their leaders, met at Manhattan to hold their annual demonstrations. After a program at assembly, demonstrations, and awarding of prizes, the afternoon ended by a swim in the Manhattan Community swimming pool. Fourteen 4-H clubs competed in the contests.

FRILLS AND FURBELOWS (continued)

Connecticut held its State 4-H Club Round-up at Hartford, April 26-27. A. J. Brundage, State club leader, in describing it, says: "It was a 'wow.'" On Friday evening the Connecticut Chamber of Commerce and Connecticut State Grange were hosts to the older 4-H club members at a banquet. Club members reported on the out-of-State events that they had attended during the year as a part of the banquet program and one boy told how his hens had paid his way to date through college, the title of his talk being "Egged On Through College." On Saturday the younger members were given a luncheon by the agricultural committee of the Manufacturers' Association of Connecticut. None of the club-member speakers at this banquet was over 12 years old, and the toastmaster, William Blackburn, of North Coventry, was but 11. William engineered the luncheon program for 550 folks. Mr. Brundage says: "While we did not in reality brand each person with a 4-H I think an indelible 4-H was impressed on the minds of every one present, so that it has a much larger meaning to them than ever before."

Montgomery County, Miss., had 450 boys, girls, leaders, and parents, present at county club rally. There was a 10 per cent increase in number of parents present this year than last, which proved that the fathers and mothers are taking more interest in 4-H club work," reports Elaine Massey, assistant in girls' club work, Mississippi.

Davison and Potter Counties, S. Dak., recently held successful rallies. Games, lunch, short talks, and movies made up the program of the rally in each county.

Maryland boys and girls have been having good times lately. Dorothy Emerson, girls' club agent, sends county 4-H banquet programs from Caroline, Dorchester, and Howard counties, and also the program for the 4-H Federation banquet of Caroline County. Allegany county members recently gave a 4-H trail program using woodcraft terms for subjects.



The Fairfax County (Va.) 4-H Club Rally was held May 4 on the green at historic Fairfax County Court House. This is where George Washington's will was probated. The program in the morning consisted of a humorous skit put on by each club. This was done to emphasize the recreational side of club work. Each club had an exhibit. One prize was given to the club member who had the largest number of relatives and friends present. Another prize, a 4-H club banner, was given to

the McLean Club, this club having obtained the highest rating on a score card giving 35 points for club exhibit, 30 points for attendance at meetings, 25 points for club stunt or club feature, and 10 points for club song. There was a picnic lunch, and songs and games in the afternoon.

FRILLS AND FURBELOWS (continued)

"THE EXTENSION LETTER," monthly news-letter of the Hawaii Extension Service, reports activities among 4-H clubs there. The Waiahole Boys' and Girls' Extension Club had its first rally and club picnic recently. Baseball, swimming, and mass singing were a part of the day's features. Twenty-four members and guests of the Hauula Boys' and Girls' Extension Club, Honolulu County, gathered for an achievement breakfast prepared by the members, early in April. This event marked the completion of the work of the breakfast club.

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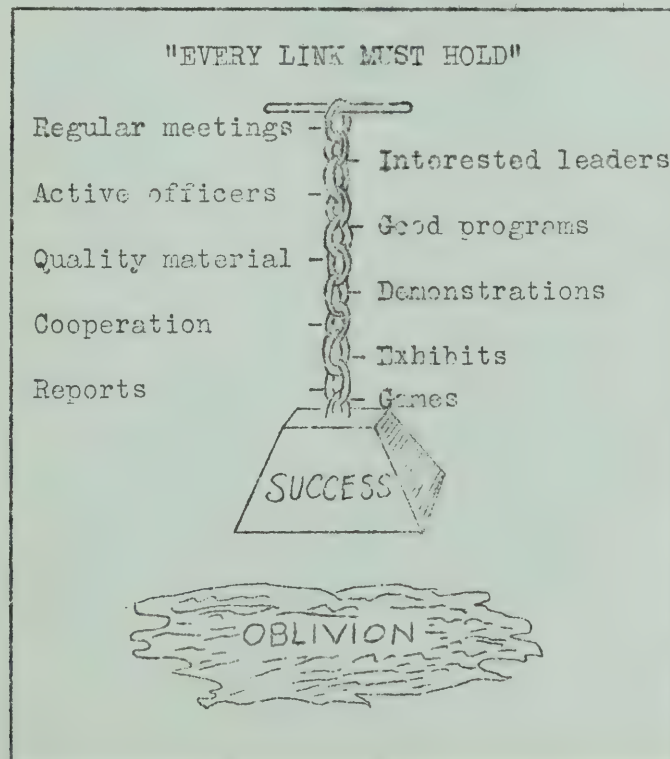
"A successful rally starts the year off right."
---The (Tenn.) 4-H Club Leader.

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THE WYOMING "GO-GETTERS" CLUB. A new kind of club is being started in Wyoming--one that will exist only in name but which will have, nevertheless, a very choice membership. There have already been a number of club members accepted for membership in it. The qualifications for membership in the club are that the club member must have won a county championship in any club project in a Wyoming county. The club already has 29 members, the number of members who won county championships last year.

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Four-H club work as South Dakota sees it:



-----4-H Club Doings.

To encourage good health habits among club members, Massachusetts is launching a state-wide poster contests this year, the finals to be played off at Camp Gilbert. Any 4-H club member in the State is eligible to enter this contest, but not more than four posters from one county may be entered, with the exception, however, of allowing each member attending Camp Gilbert to have an entry in the contest. The posters will be judged at local exhibits. Later the prize-winning local posters will be judged at the annual county field day, and the four best posters chosen from the county will be entered in the finals. Here are the rules:

SUBJECT - Anything to do with health

1. A health habit.
2. Menu - breakfast, luncheon, or dinner
3. Foods for health
4. Posture
5. Good shoes
6. Food classes.

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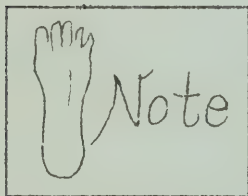
Not smaller than 12" x 18"

CONSTRUCTION

1. May be made on black cambric, white or colored cardboard, drawing paper.
2. Pictures from magazines
3. Free-hand drawing
4. Cut-outs from colored paper

POSTERS TO BE JUDGED ON -

Lessons taught	40 per cent
Originality.	40 per cent
Effectiveness	20 per cent



The 4-H Clubs of Montgomery County, Kansas are emphasizing the care of the feet in their health work. They are having each member take his or her footprints, and are dating and filing them. Six weeks later, after corrective exercises have been taken regularly, the footprints are again taken and improvements noted.

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The Massachusetts Fairs Association last year awarded prizes for the best essays by Massachusetts club members on "What I Learned at a Fair in 1928." G. L. Farley, State club leader, reports that the association will award prizes to club members again this year for essays on the same subject.

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A PAGE FOR THE LOCAL LEADERS

The 4-H club leaders of Amelia County, Va., recently held a meeting in the office of County Agent C. W. Richards for the purpose of discussing ways and means of developing club work in their respective communities and in the county as a whole. These leaders expect to hold meetings quarterly. At each meeting it is planned to take up some special subject relating to club and community building. The first meeting was devoted to the duties of a club leader.

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Pauline M. Reynolds, assistant State club leader, North Dakota, reports that leaders' conferences have been held in six counties recently.

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Six two-day club leader conferences were held this spring in different parts of Wisconsin so that leaders from all counties might attend.

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How to bake quick breads, how to judge them and demonstrate making them, and how to keep accurate 4-H records of the baking projects were the subjects studied, discussed and practiced at a recent meeting of the 4-H baking leaders of Riley County, Kans.

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Goochland County, Va., is holding a junior leaders' poultry contest. Only poultry club members who are doing advanced work in the poultry project are eligible since they are to act in the capacity of leaders for the new members who enroll. The following points will be considered in determining the winners: (1) Number of new poultry club members enrolled by the junior leader; (2) Assistance given the members throughout the year by the junior leader; (3) Number of complete record books submitted to the agent by the junior leaders.

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E. I. Pilchard, specialist in junior club work, reports that there were 52 leaders' training schools in Illinois during January, February, and March, with an attendance of 524 at these meetings.

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TO THE LOCAL LEADERS

You plant, and more gardens flourish,
Than ever your hands could tend;
You call, and more socks are mended,
Than your needles could ever mend.

You lead, and there follows after
A power that you can not know;
For the ones you teach shall climb out of
reach
When the seeds you are planting grow.

---Boys' and Girls' Club Record, Washington.

THE BOOKSHELF

THE TEACHING OF HOME ECONOMICS
By Clara M. Brown and Alice H. Haley
Houghton Mifflin Company, Publishers. (1928;395 pages).

"The Teaching of Home Economics," by Clara M. Brown and Alice H. Haley is one of the best books so far published in its field. Although primarily written for students in teacher-training classes, it contains many practical suggestions for effective club work in both agriculture and home economics.

The authors display a fine background of training and experience in their subject and a splendid craftsmanship in writing. Their clear discussions of the laws of learning remind one of Kilpatrick's definition, "Psychological laws are merely sanctified common sense." Much emphasis is placed upon the encouragement and satisfaction that should accompany desirable practices. Numerous practical applications are made. To give a negative illustration, a young girl, discouraged over her work in clothing, in admonishing a friend just beginning to teach, exclaimed, "Well, when you do, please teach sewing and not ripping!"

Of interest to club leaders is the importance attached to the establishment of small, concrete, definite goals and catching the mistake before the work is finished. In keeping with the modern idea in teaching, all discussions are based upon methods of equipping students to solve problems, rather than upon methods of imparting as much information as possible. The authors emphasize the need for effecting desirable changes in those taught. In brief, leaders will find in this book, much to aid in a more skillful presentation of club work to farm boys and girls.

--Review prepared by Gertrude L. Warren.

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The Duluth Chamber of Commerce has created a revolving fund of \$400 for the purpose of assisting in creating more interest among the boys and girls in St. Louis County, Minn., in the sheep project. Enough of this fund is lent to each 4-H club member to buy one or more high-grade ewes, on a long-time basis. Fifty high-grade Hampshire ewes were distributed to club members in the county late in February. Members of the Chamber of Commerce who are particularly interested in the sheep project will visit and encourage members of the sheep clubs during the year. Money lent to club members, when repaid, will again be put into circulation.

MISCELLANEOUS

B. W. Baker, club agent in Rapides Parish, La., reports that 31 members of Seiper Community reported to take part in a peach-tree pruning demonstration which was held under his direction for the benefit of the community, this spring.

"The WARREN COUNTY (N. J.) CLUB NEWS," reports 213 members in the county enrolled in forestry work. Two newly organized clubs had reports on "Fungi" at their first meeting. Notebooks and charts have supplemented the field trips of the Hazen club which has been studying forest diseases. The spring unit of work emphasizes the importance of forest fire prevention.

Sixty-three Noble County (Ind.) calf club members have mutual insurance funds aggregating \$773. These funds have been built up by deposits at the time of enrollment as follows: \$5 for shipped-in Hereford calves; \$10 for native Shorthorn calves; and \$15 for Jersey calves. Insurance of this kind has been carried for the past five years, and in that time only one loss has occurred. That amounted to \$100. When a club disbands the money left in the insurance fund is pro-rated back to the members.

Arkansas reports that although there was an increase in extension agents last year, the average enrollment per agent was 250 club members as compared with 202 in 1927.

Donald Gibson, St. Louis County, Minn., won the grand championship of the junior department of the annual show of the Minnesota State Poultry Association which was held early this year. The award was based on three points: (1) His score on exhibit; (2) his score in the poultry-judging contest, and (3) on the record and story of his work. Among the exhibits, Donald's pen of single-comb White Leghorns placed first. He was also selected as the best judge of poultry among all the juniors taking part in the judging contest.

CALENDAR

CONNECTICUT - Junior Short Course,
Storrs, July 23-30.

MARYLAND - Maryland Club Week,
College Park, August 8-13.

WISCONSIN - Annual 4-H Club Members' Conference,
(Older club members), Madison, June 19-25.

WORK BOX AND TOOL CHEST

"LANTERN SLIDES ON FILM,"

Office of Cooperative Extension Work,
Extension Service,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

"GIFTS GIRLS LIKE TO MAKE,"

(Not available for distribution).
4-H Club Circular No. 42,
College of Agriculture,
Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio.

"4-H CLUBS ARE GLORIFYING THE IOWA FARM GIRL,"

Iowa State College of Agriculture and
Mechanic Arts,
Ames, Iowa.

"SELECTED BOOKS FOR CLUB MEMBERS,"

Circular No. 207,
College of Agriculture,
University of Kentucky,
Lexington, Ky.

"FORESTRY CLUBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE,"

Miscellaneous Publication 45-M,
Office of Information,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

"YOU CAN MAKE IT,"

National Committee on Wood Utilization,
U. S. Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

"CAMP SAFETY AND SANITATION,"

The National Safety Council,
Education Division,
One Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.



Hazel Zimmerman, county extension agent of the Island of Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii, writes: "I have been in Hilo about a month and a half. Have made many visits to the homes of the club girls. I have about 102 girls enrolled in clubs at Honomu, Kapehu, and Ninole. All of these girls have started their club work and local leaders are taking care of part of the meetings. Today I have a meeting at Honomu. There are 17 girls in this club. Most of the girls are Portugese. The local leader is a Japanese girl. These club girls hold their meetings in the homes. Today we are having a real party after our sewing work.

"The club leader at Ninole is Mrs. Lydia Toledo, a Portuguese woman. She is a very fine woman to have as a sponsor for this club of Japanese girls."

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M. Vangel Russell, assistant State club leader, Montana, resigned her position May 1. She was married May 4 to John A. James of Madison, Wis., where they will make their home.

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CLUB FOLKS OF THE OFFICE GO A-VISITING I. W. Hill, Southern States, has just returned to the office from a southern trip. In Oklahoma, he attended the college 4-H club banquet at Stillwater and a training camp at Sulphur which was under the direction of John Bradford of the Play-ground and Recreation Association of America. Doctor Hill studied meetings of club members in Arkansas, attending 4 meetings in Pulaski county. In Louisiana, he attended the Franklin Parish and Terrebonne Parish rallies, and, in speaking of them, reported that "club enthusiasm was rampant." He also visited club meetings in Rapides Parish. In Mississippi, where he stayed for a week, he attended a conference of district and county agents. At this conference, playlets, as a means of giving demonstrations, were discussed. Doctor Hill says that in each of the States he has visited, there has been a considerable increase in club enrollment this year.

R. A. Turner, Central States, recently completed a trip which included Indiana, where he attended county club leaders' conferences; Illinois, where he conferred with the publishers about the new 4-H club song book; Iowa, where he attended county club program planning conferences; and Kentucky and Kansas.

A. B. Graham, in charge of subject-matter specialists, recently attended the Connecticut State 4-H Club Round-up, speaking at the older members' banquet on "Four-H Club Work Down to Date," and at the luncheon for the younger members, on "Future 4-H Club Work."

AMONG OURSELVES (continued)

Madge J. Reese, Western States, on her trip to the Northwest, gave a radio talk over station KOAC, at Corvallis, Oreg. She said, in part, in speaking of club work: "Better training will be required for the work of farming in the future. Superior farmers and superior farming are all a part of the future of American agriculture. The extension service is right now preparing these future superior farmers and farm women in the boys' and girls' 4-H club work. Each county extension agent organizes the 4-H clubs in his or her respective county. It is safe to estimate that there have been no less than 5,000,000 different boys and girls enrolled in club work during the past 15 years. This means that this number, the majority of whom are probably still in contact with rural life, have had some definite training in agriculture and home making, as well as other benefits. In 1928 the total national enrollment in boys' and girls' 4-H club work was 663,340.

"The 11 Western States can point with pride, in spite of the more sparsely settled areas, to an enrollment of 48,230, an average enrollment of 4,383 boys and girls per State. You very enthusiastic Oregonian club boys and girls who might be listening can now get ready for a little applause. In 1928 the State of Oregon led the 11 Western States with an enrollment of 11,748. Your friend to the south, California, was second, and your friend to the north, Washington, was third in enrollment of the Western States.

"This vast army of farm boys and girls is not only learning improved methods in livestock raising, in the production of crops, in food preparation and its nutritional value, the technique of clothing construction, making the home comfortable and attractive, and the beautification of the farmstead, but they are also learning to keep business records, how to make and properly spend money. The club work promotes organized play and recreation, as well as organized cooperation in work. It emphasizes the dignity of farm and home work well done."

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T. A. ERICKSON GOES TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS. To T. A. Erickson, State club leader, Minnesota, goes highest honors for consistent regularity in sending in 4-H news to the CLUB LEADER. Good work, T. A., and thank you.

And while we are congratulating Mr. Erickson, a State leader, it might not be amiss to mention, also, the increasing number of agents out in the counties who are sending in their bits of news. Any time a club or a club member does something that might suggest a better way of doing the thing to another club or other club members, your LEADER wants to know about it. This is the acid test for LEADER news - IS THIS LIKELY TO HELP SOMEBODY ELSE? Think it over, and if it is, send it in! Incidentally, any suggestions from LEADER readers as to how they think this paper might be improved (bearing in mind, of course, that it must be mimeographed; must, therefore, limit itself to 15 pages monthly; and must cover, in so far as possible, the work in 48 States) are always welcome. Let's have a "What Our Readers Say," page.



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